(c) No information is available with the Central Government in this regard.

(d) Central Government have been advising all the State Government to increase the proportion of women personnel in their police force. Under the Scheme for Modernization of Police Forces funds are allocated for creation of facilities for women police in the Police Stations.

Staying of Afghan citizens in India

1467. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Afghan citizens are still staying in India;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to send them back;

(c) whether Government have granted Indian citizenship to some Afghan citizens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As per available information about 19000 Afghan citizens are staying in India as on 31.12.2002.

(b) While majority of the Afghan nationals belong to Hindu Sikh community and were being allowed to stay in India on humanitarian grounds, now with the changed scenario in Afghanistan the Afghan nationals are being encouraged to return to their home country.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. So far 69 Afghan nationals have been granted Indian citizenship.

Immigration policy

1468. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are actively considering formulating an

immigration policy in view of the massive infiltration from Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Law enforcement agency

1469. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Conference of Chief Ministers on Internal Security was held during February, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a proposal to set up a Central law enforcement agency was proposed for discussion in the meeting;

(d) if so, the details and status of the proposal;

(e) whether a comprehensive scheme for policing in the coastal areas of Kerala were submitted in the conference;

(f) if so, the details including status of proposal;

(g) whether it was submitted in the conference on the human dimension of the problem of overstaying Pakistani nationals of Kerala Origin in the State; and

(h) if so, the details thereof including decision taken thereon, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Conference, discussions were held on Recommendations of Group of Ministers for Internal Security Management, Left Wing Extremism, Coastal Area Security, Multi-purpose National Identity Cards Scheme, Detection and deportation of foreign nationals, Modernisation of State Police Forces and Ban on Lottery Trade.

(c) Yes, Sir.